

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
September 14, 2016**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for Ursula Miller who recently passed away.

Parking Update

Mike O'Neil said that this was the first year that three different parking lots have been operated. Revenue was up 3.5% over the previous year. There were a few glitches. There was a problem at Brown Ave. where a couple of cars were broken into. A light is needed at this location. The Seafood Festival was a little down in parking this year. Mr. O'Neil said he thought the weather was responsible for this decrease. However, this summer had the best weather ever.

Chairman Rage said the lot next to the fire station will be operated for the shows in September and October. The Clews lot will be operated for the big road race this weekend and may also be open for the Smuttynose Marathon in October. The Village District is working with Unitil on the configuration of lighting at the Clews lot.

Several residents said the lighting at the Clews lot is too bright. Chairman Rage said the Commissioners are working on that issue.

Mr. LaBranche said the lights at the parking lots go off on November 1st.

Mr. O'Neil also said that they lease parking spaces for \$650 a season and are now considering overnight parking.

Old Business

Commissioner Buckley said Children's Week was a big success. She thanked the following for volunteering: Cheryl Ailes, Julie Leonard, Barbara Brown, David Gooch, Ann Justin, Mary Mullen, Judy Flaherty, Doc Noel, Terry Smith, Beverly Hollingsworth, Ute Pineo and Diane at Patriots Corner.

The Hampton Talent Show was also very successful. She thanked the sponsors – Boardwalk Café, Cascade Café, Purple Urchin, Ocean Wok, 401 Tavern, McGuirk's, Sea Ketch, Harris Sea Ranch and Kentville Properties.

Commissioner Buckley said Labor Day was cold, but nevertheless, the Reminisints were wonderful.

Commissioner Ladd said many thanks should go to Commissioner Buckley for all her hard work on these events.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said the Town Planner is putting on a flood preparedness workshop this evening at 6:30 p.m. and another on Wednesday, September 28th at the Police Station Training Room at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Ladd said even if you don't live in the flood zone you should attend one of these meetings.

Commissioner Ladd said Jason Bashand and Julie LaBranche will be at the November meeting to give an update.

Chairman Rage said that October 12th Village District meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2016.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2016.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Buckley). Motion passed.

Public Comment

Ute Pineo said a lot of people do not know about the coloring book. She asked if it would be possible for restaurants and businesses to sell them. Commissioner Buckley said she would rather give them away. She said it might be possible for people to give a donation for a sponsorship in the book.

Ms. Pineo said they need to stock up on costumes for Children's Week. She also said she has not been able to get in touch with her contact in Washington, D.C. about the Wall.

Paul Reitano, 6 Fellows Ave., congratulated the Village District on everything done this summer. He asked why residents are charged to get into the Seafood Festival.

Chairman Rage explained that it is not the Village District that runs the Seafood Festival. It is the Chamber of Commerce. He said the event is very expensive and that is the reason for the charge.

Richard Reniere, said he felt people should be able to see how much money comes in from the Festival and where it goes.

Ellen Stanton, Diane Lane, said she was concerned about access coming down from Diane Lane. It is very dangerous. Mr. O'Neil said the Town should be petitioned to put in a sidewalk.

Kathy Silver, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said this was their fourth season and they had a very good summer. She thanked the Village District for their support and putting them on the website. Ms. Silver said that even though they are closing they are available for special events, birthday parties, etc. and will be participating in New Years Eve event.

John Kane, Marketing Director, said this has been a very good year. There are several events coming up to extend the season. Movie Night has been a great success.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Buckley thanked everyone for making it such a great summer. Commissioner Ladd thanked the people who spoke at tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice
Secretary